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From: Rice, Timothy B (DEC)
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Subject: RE: Interview

Thanks for the summary. Sounds like things went as well as could be expected. I appreciate you keeping us informed!

Tim

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Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 4:08 PM
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Hi Tim:

Please send me another phone number for future communications.

I called this number 518-402-8789 and got a voice mail. I am not sure if that is your office number or cell. However, even when I called you back earlier this morning, I did not get an answer.

The phone number you called from, 518-391-4564, I get a not in service message. I assume this is your office land line but a person cannot call that number directly.

The interview went well. We went over some photos I had in the trailer which showed sampling cores we obtained. This showed the layers (Concrete, asphalt, slag, natural soil). We discussed our clearing of vegetation from the wooded area. The gamma survey we conducted after

the clearing. I then went outside and he did the video interview. It was all about the history as expected "Why did it take so long? Who put the fill there? Why did the NYS DOH concur with the previous owner to dig up the asphalt (which I told him I was unaware that this happened). He tried to get me to place accountability. During the interview I did say that NYS DOH advised the property owners not to utilize interior spaces as offices that had elevated levels and to perform intrusive work without consulting the state. He did present questions that were leading. Like "Isn't this hazardous and don't you think this should have been addressed earlier?". NYS "punting" the site to EPA. I think I handled it well. Well enough for him to call our public affairs office and request answers to questions I didn't have answers to. He also went back and forth into Holy Trinity. Asking questions about the grass being mowed and kids playing there in the past. I stressed the depth of the contamination and that it is low level radiological material. We spoke off camera more and I was more blunt with him regarding him asking me questions regarding EPA programs or other agency programs. I informed him I do not know the answers regarding NYS removal parameters, funding at the time, etc. Just like I do not know the criteria our Remedial Program uses to determine if a site scores high enough to be listed on the National Priority List. I also stressed that the two sites did not score high enough to qualify for the NPL which means that the Remedial Program could not justify a remediation. Not until the site was referred to our removal program and after conducting more assessment work, did we determine a removal action could be conducted. There was mention of 50 other radiological sites. I told him I am not aware of this list but if those sites were referred to us they would be assessed the same way.

I hope that helps.

I met up with Ken Martin this afternoon. We walked the site and discussed the operations.

Regards,

Eric

"We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately", Benjamin Franklin

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